

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 237**

February 2, 2021

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires a court to include written findings of fact and conclusions of law to support a custody arrangement and parenting plan, unless both parents have agreed to the arrangement and plan. Requires the Department of Children's Services (DCS), to consider and evaluate a child's other natural or adoptive parent before considering any other relative, when placing a child who has been removed from one parent's home.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- Requiring DCS to consider a child's other natural or adoptive parent before any other relatives will not have a significant effect on the case or work load of DCS; therefore, any fiscal impact to DCS is estimated to be not significant.
- Based on information provided by the Office of the Administration of the Courts, any fiscal impact to the court system is estimated to be not significant.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bojan Savic".

Bojan Savic, Interim Executive Director

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